

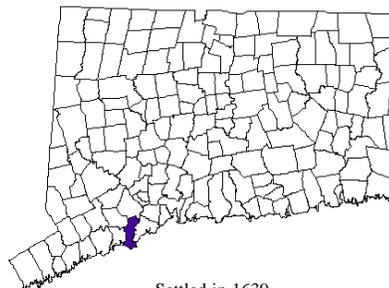
Stratford

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Fairfield County
Bridgeport Labor Market Area
Greater Bridgeport Economic Development
Region
Greater Bridgeport Planning Area



Settled in 1639

Demographics

<i>Population</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (1990)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	49,389	827,645	3,287,116	White	44,483	700,350	2,859,353
1995	49,820	828,220	3,289,090	Black	3,899	81,519	274,269
2000	49,810	832,420	3,316,120	Asian Pacific	400	17,332	50,698
2005	49,500	843,190	3,364,080	Native American	74	1,226	6,654
				Other	533	27,218	96,142
'95-'05 Growth	-0.6%	1.8%	2.3%	Hispanic origin (may be of any race)	1,771	70,818	213,116
Land Area	17.6	625.9	4,845.4	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Population per square mile	2,833.5	1,323.3	678.8	Persons age 25 or older		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Households	18,851	307,772	1,237,000	High school graduate		12,350	648,366
<i>Age Distribution (1995)</i>				Some College		7,672	495,696
	0-4	5-14	15-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Total
Male	7%	13%	25%	24%	15%	17%	23,598
Female	6%	11%	22%	21%	16%	24%	26,222
State Total	7%	13%	27%	24%	14%	14%	3,289,090

Economics

<i>Number of Establishments (1995)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Top Ten Assessments (1994)</i>	
Manufacturing	113	1,480	6,068	1. United Aircraft, Sikorsky	\$142,698,890
Services	467	12,870	39,011	2. Avco Corp (Allied Signal)	24,984,800
Trade - Retail	262	5,427	20,251	3. Mobil Oil	15,757,160
Trade - Wholesale	133	2,689	9,858	4. Dictaphone	14,474,900
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	105	2,997	8,809	5. Dock Inc.	14,065,120
Total Establishments	1,316	30,755	104,409	6. United Illuminating	12,504,430
Per Capita Income	\$29,082	\$41,082	\$30,303	7. Dresser Industries	11,744,150
Retail Sales (thousands)	\$267,402	\$27,231,413		8. Stonybrook Gardens	10,967,280
				9. Wm B Meyer Inc.	10,416,080
				10. Parkview Associates	8,493,000
				As % of Grand List	7.1

Education

Grade organization (number of schools): K-6 (9), 7-8 (2), 9-12 (2)

1994-1995 School Year

Total students	6,537
Total expenditures per pupil	\$8,361
Average teacher's salary	\$52,690
Students attending public school	87.3 %
Students in extended day kindergarten	269
Graduates attending four year college	57.8 %

Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal

	Grade 4	Grade 6	Grade 8
Reading	47.4	68.1	71.0
Math	54.1	44.1	48.6
Writing	33.2	44.0	25.8

Average Class Size

Kindergarten	19.0	Grade 5	22.2	High School	20.4
Grade 2	19.3	Grade 7	21.7		

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Government

Government Form Council- Manager

1993-1994		Total Expenditures	\$93,994,039	Equalized Grand List	\$3,748,515,790
Total revenue	\$100,671,945	Education	\$45,256,088	Per capita	\$78,514
Tax revenue	\$81,347,255	Other	\$48,737,951	As % of state average	100.3
Non-tax revenue	\$19,324,690	Total Indebtness	\$77,426,475	Date of last revaluation	10/1/91
Intergovernmental	16.7%	As % of expenditures	82.4	Moody's Bond Rating	Baa1
Per capita tax	\$1,704	Per capita	\$1,622	Actual mill rate	52.20
As % of state average	85.4	As % of state average	84.2	Equalized mill rate	21.85
		Annual Debt Service	\$7,976,707	Voting districts	10
		As % of expenditures	8.5		

Housing

1994				<i>Sales Price Distribution</i>			
<i>Housing Stock</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Number of Sales	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
Existing Units (total)	20,402	329,899	1,351,825	Less than \$75,000	126	2,408	11,328
% Single unit detached	73.9	63.8	62.4	\$75,001-\$150,000	438	3,295	19,828
New Permits Authorized (total)	69	2,327	9,439	\$150,001-\$250,000	219	4,028	11,132
% Single unit detached	44.9	66.0	80.6	\$250,001-\$400,000	24	3,009	4,662
As % of Existing Units	0.3	0.7	0.7	\$400,001 or more	3	2,606	3,137
<i>Residential Sales</i>							
Number	810	15,346	50,087				
Average price	\$130,157	\$271,408	\$171,382				
Median price	\$129,700	\$190,000	\$126,000				

Labor Force

1994	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	25,616	440,485	1,726,000	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	24,081	419,062	1,630,000	1. Stratford	7,732	Stratford	7,732
Unemployed	1,535	21,423	96,000	2. Bridgeport	5,307	Bridgeport	5,883
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	4.9%	5.6%	3. Milford	2,853	Fairfield	1,406
Total Employment	28,160	400,440	1,538,980	4. Shelton	2,154	Norwalk	1,349
Manufacturing	13,390	82,090	270,250	5. Trumbull	1,316	Trumbull	1,348
				6. West Haven	960	Milford	1,299
				7. Fairfield	843	Shelton	872
				8. Ansonia	826	Stamford	792
				9. Derby	700	Westport	667
				10. Seymour	695	New Haven	399

Quality of Life

1995	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Library (1993-1994)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Residential Utilities (1995)</i>	
Miles to State Capitol	50		Total books and serials	119,186	Electric Company	
Visitor Attractions	3	488	Weekly hours open	52	United Illuminating	
Banks	13	1,188	Circulation per capita	4.7	Typical basic rate	\$9.50 + 11.7257c/kwh
Lodging	5	467	Crime rate (1994)		Typical heat rate	\$14.00 + 14.300c/kwh
Number of units	351	26,540	per 1,000 residents	35.0	Gas Company	
Day Care Facilities	21	1,669	Hospitals in county (1995)	7	Southern CT Gas	
			Total beds	2,230	Typical rate	\$8.25 + 98.18c/Ccf